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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no significant socio-economic benefits to farmers from the use of Genetically Modified food crops and instead huge debts have been incurred by them due to capital-intensive practice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the views/comments of each State including Haryana in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b) Presently Bt. cotton, is the only GM crop recommended for commercial cultivation in India. Cultivation of Bt. Cotton hybrid has resulted in significant reduction of insecticide usage in cotton cultivation with about 30-60% increase in productivity. This has resulted in increased earning and improved socio economic status of the farmers cultivating cotton in the country.

(c) Most of the states including Haryana are making efforts to popularize cultivation of cotton with adoption of IPM/INM technologies under Mini Mission-II, a sub scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton.